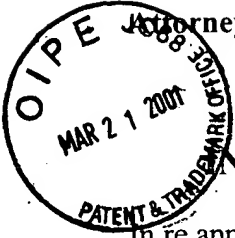


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For: **METHOD, SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND PRODUCT FOR
DISTRIBUTION AND INSTANTIATION OF SOFTWARE UPGRADES**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to Examination, entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-52 and substitute the following claims:

53. (NEW) A method of distributing and installing software upgrades on a client computer in a client server system comprising:

setting minimum and maximum versions of installed software for clients;

defining contents of software version upgrade kits from the minimum and maximum versions of the installed software, the software version upgrade kits comprising files, actions, and an upgrade wizard to upgrade one or more software components from one version to another version;

writing the contents of the software version upgrade kits to a database as a table of contents, said table of contents showing the contents of an upgrade kit and which software components are required by a corresponding upgrade;